

USACE FINANCE CENTER
BIWEEKLY REPORT
PERIOD ENDING 26 May 2000

CEFMS:

a. We are going to devote all our time to preparing for the implementation of the CEFMS GUI at 2400 CDT, Sunday 4 June. The following are some on the most critical actions during this period:

(1) We completed the conversion and initial testing of the 1,465 forms. We have corrected the problems encountered during testing for all but about 20 of the forms.

(2) On 24 May we tested the Communications Bandwidth Requirements of the CEFMS GUI. The test by 220 UFC CEFMS users indicated that the **peak** bandwidth usage during the 30-minute load test was 61 percent. The peak occurred when the 220 users signed on the test database simultaneously at 1400 hours. The usage dropped quickly to 25 percent of the bandwidth then stabilized at about 8 percent.

(3) We established a "test" database on CPC25 for the UFC that mirrors the UFC production database. We then tested a broad range, over 95 percent, of the CEFMS GUI functionality.

We believe a test of this depth and volume is sufficient since the UFC performs most of the fiscal functions performed by a typical district and has by far, the highest number of concurrent CEFMS users.

b. On 26 May we pre-briefed Colonel Tommy Rich and selected members of the CECI staff as advance preparation for the Milestone III Decision Briefing scheduled for Mr. Berrios on Wednesday, 31 May. The pre-brief went very well. There were no questions that we could not answer. There were no questions raising any concern that would prevent us from receiving the MDA approval, which is the authority to deploy/implement. As of this moment we plan to implement on schedule.

c. We are forwarding the revised draft System Security Authorization Agreement to the Chief Security and Law Enforcement today, 26 May. We have addressed all comments that were provided to us. This is a comprehensive document, which should meet all the requirements of the controlling regulations. Since this is such a lengthy document, 28 pages, I have requested that we be

granted an interim approval for 90 days while the security specialist reviews the document. That would also provide enough time for us to react to any additional comments.

PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

a. The open problem report inventory is 803 versus 848 on the last report. The inventory includes 118 Priority #1 problem reports. The open inventory also includes 43 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

b. Fifty (50) of the sixty-two active databases have no imbalances, five (5) have one, two (2) have two, four (4) have three, and one (1) has four, the highest number of imbalances. The grand total of database imbalances across the system is 25 versus 24 on the last report.

ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:

CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

-----CURRENT SCHEDULE COMPLETE-----

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

<u>LOCATION:</u>	<u>NUMBER:</u>
Huntsville	25
Millington	292
Washington	1
Other	1
Total	319

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 04/30/00	Current Month	Year To Date
BY CHECK:			

Checks Issued	177,557	22,933	200,490
Percent of Total	51%	46%	50%
Dollar Amount	\$1,947,024,360	\$243,265,554	\$2,190,289,914

BY EFT:			
Transfers Made	172,919	26,970	199,889
Percent of Total	49%	54%	50%
Dollar Amount	\$3,111,113,138	\$444,211,470	\$3,555,324,608

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. We have established the FY01 Management Control Plan containing all required evaluations plus additional evaluations applicable to the UFC operations. Responsible Directorates have begun performing the checklist evaluations, and the suspense date for completing all evaluations is 31 July 2000.

b. We have begun Phase II of the FY00 Joint Reconciliation Program which will include unliquidated obligations, open commitments, accounts payable, and customer order balances. The Resource Management Directorate is responsible for this review and will prepare the joint review certification for the Director's signature and submission to HQUSACE by the suspense date of 21 June 2000.

c. We have configured and installed 150 new PCs with the Windows NT operating system. The PCs replaced were 3 1/2 - 4 years old and did not meet the minimum requirements for CEFMS GUI, and the Defense Cash Accountability System (DCAS). Windows NT is the recommended operating system for DCAS.

We also completed the installation of the T-1 line, which replaced the frame relay. We noted an immediate increase to the speed for processing disbursements.

d. The DFAS Headquarter meeting at the UFC to discuss FY2000 CFO submission and application requirements for DoD has been finalized for 5 June 2000. We have invited Mr. Butler (CERM-F), who plans to attend and we have also invited a representative from the UFC CEFMS development Team (CEFC-S).

e. The USACE Finance Center has ten volunteers who will participate in the USACE Professional Development Support Center (PDSC) Virtual Campus Beta Test for Financial Management to be conducted in June.

f. In January, the UFC developed criteria to select a Travel Team of the Quarter from the Accounting Operations Directorate, Travel Branch. Our objective was to improve customer service by reducing reimbursement turnaround time and reduce error rates by introducing competition among the travel teams. We have identified the team for the period ending 31 March 2000, the team that will receive the first award. Each team member will receive a four-hour time-off award for his or her contribution.

g. DoDIG auditors were at the UFC this week to review Construction-in-progress (CIP) and Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) funded by Treasury Index (TI) 97 which is allocated to

defense activities but allotted to Army, Air Force and executed by the Corps of Engineers on the DoD FY99 CFO statements. The scope of the audit is limited to appropriations 0500 MILCON, 0510 BRAC and 0300 Procurement. The majority of USACE activity will be CIP for appropriations, 0500 and 0510 which is transferred out upon completion. ERDC is the only USACE activity with PPE in appropriation 0300. We anticipate that the audit group will select Baltimore District to verify hard copy documents to support the CIP in Standard General Ledgers 1721, 1722 and 1723 for appropriations 0500 and 0510.